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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SPRAY-DRIED MICROPARTICLES AND  
THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC VEHICLES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated September 28, 2007, for which a response is due on December 28, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.